

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Hydraulic clutch actuator;
- II. Mechanical clutch actuator; and
- III. Electronic clutch actuator.

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, species I (Hydraulic clutch actuator) for further prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 7-9 and 11-16 are generic. Applicants also respectfully contend that claim 10 is generic since electrical, as well as mechanical and hydraulic actuator components can comprise actuator parts formed as metallic castings.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5 and 7-16 are readable on the elected species of a hydraulic clutch actuator and therefore, examination of these claims is in order.

It is believed that this communication is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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